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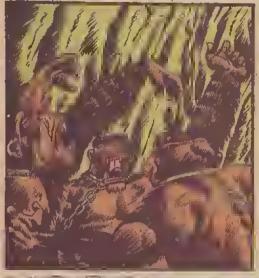












































JUMBO JABBER

Something on your mind? If so, get it on paper and send it slong. This page is your chance to help us set our sights on target perfection. All auggestione will be gratefully received end carefully considered. — THE EDITOR.

Dear: Editor:

Jumbo Comice is to me the best comic book in the world. I'm twenty three years old and have been reading it ever since it has been out. ZX.5 and Ghost Gallery are my favorites.

Andrew Daniel, Jr. Momphis, Tenn.

Dear Editors

I like ZX.5 cause I like detective stories, but I'm getting tired of that cane that does everything but cook. Leave Sheena, Hawk and Sky Girl alone—they're swell. The next time the time machine goes haywire I hope Stuart Taylor la far from Jumho—and can't get back. Don't get me wrong, though, I still like Jumbo and will continue to buy. I realize that you can't please everybody.

Mickey Fagan South Boston, Mass.

Dear Editor:

I never thought that reading a comic book would help me in school, but that was before I found out about Stuart Taylor, it's a real treat now to meet the characters I study in history in this swell strip. Keep up the good work.

Willard Talon Topeka, Kansas

Albany, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

If I were editor of your magazine, I'd make the following changes . . . Sheena—KEEP. ZX.5—OUT. The Hawk—KEEP. Story—OUT. Sky Girl—KEEP. Stuart Taylor—OUT. Ohost Gallery—use pages I've cut out to make thic atory longer. Heed my words of wisdom and you'll sell more booke . . . disregard them and you're crazy.

Peanuts Mulligan

How about It, gang? Is friend Peanute right? What would YOU do If you were editor?—Tho

Dear Editor:

I think Jumbo is really ewell. I have been road-ing it for ecveral years and it gets better every issue. Sky Girl to me is tops. Ginge is better than

most unation picture heroines you see today. I wish the artist of ZX-5 would have a little more imagination but all in all it's a swell book and I am olways walting at the drug store for my copy to come in.

Francis Owynne Columbia, Missouri

Dear Editor:

I dare you to print this, you rats, you! I guess I'm waeting my time and ink; but I want to leb you know your comic is awful. The eteries and art couldn't be worse if you tried. Med? Go ahead and rip it up then, yellow boilles!

A! Myers Sidney, Ohio

Dear Editor;

Jumbo is good but, I believe, It can be Improved. Why not give Stu Taylor a one way ticket next time he takes off to Never-Never Land and substitute a good cowboy story? The olber featured are fine and I exclaim: for Sheena "Aleet", for The Hawk "Odds Bloodl", an admiring "Brit" for "Ghost Gallery" and "Woo! Woo!" for Ginge.

Pote Charwick, Careon City, Nevada

Dear Editor:

Your book is right on the ball, but there is something bothere me. What is the real name of ZX-5? He is my favorite and i'd enjoy him more if I knew his name. Also why should Sheena and Bob ALWAYS be in the printed story? I sure wish you would write one about ZX-5 once in a

Buddy Kuehnle Natchez, Miss.

Dear Editors

Perhaps the reet of your readers won't agree, but the feature I like best Is Hateful Herman, the new one page strip. But how can it be so good and the other one pager, Potsy Pinue, so awful? I sincerely think you should give Patsy back to the Indiens;

Harriet O'Sullivan Teanock, N. J.

Dear Editors

1 rate your features in the following order:
(1) Sheena (2) Ghost Gallery (3) Stuart Taylor
(4) The Hawk (5) Sky Girl (6) ZX-5 (7) Hateful
Herman (8) Patey Pinup and last—but laat—the
fletlon story. This is my only complaint. The
comice are all swell but that etery—cocooohi

Sal Giganto New York City









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SHEENA AND THE FLAME OF RAZ

By W. MORGAN THOMAS

BOB came shuffling across the tree-hut floor to where Sheena stood rigid in the doorway. The reddish haze of late afternoon sunlight bathed her long golden hair in liquid fire, mirrored turquoise glints from her soft blue eyes, and ridged her usually smiling mouth with deep, shadowed lines. Her smooth sun-browned hands gripped tightly a fragment of ancient parchment.

"What is it, Sheena?" Bob's voice was

Concern filled her eyes as they brushed swiftly over Bob's unruly black hair and the clean sweep of his strong, lean jaw. "It is not for you to know!" she blazed suddenly, and swept the mysterious looking parchment behind her.

Bob pounced and snatched the old parchment. "I've had enough of this cat and mouse business. If this concerns me, I want to know about it!"

Sheena saw his brown eyes open in horror as he looked at the stiff paper. The message was handwritten, in a manner some scrivener of old might have penned; and it was couched in a language form—long dead!

It said: "A prophecy has long awaited fulfillment at the Cave of Raz. The question of Sheena's mate. Wilt thou come? Yrann."

Bob looked up, gazed steadily at Sheena. "What is this—some joke?" he demanded.

Her head shook. "It is not a joke, Bob. It is true and serious. I never told you . . . but I met this—this person once, before, long ago."

Bob frowned. "Well, is it a person or isn't it?"

Sheena turned. "It is! Her name is Yrann. But I must trek swiftly to the cave and end the evil prophecy, once and for all!" She started to swing down the ladder.

With a single bound he was after her, following her down the ladder. Little Chim, inside the hut, squealed indignantly at being left behind. On the ground, Bob walked side by side with Sheena. "What is this crazy prophecy?"

Sheena stared straight ahead. "That one day Yrann, the Witch Queen, would claim the mate and the power of Sheena!"

"But, Sheena, surely you don't believe this

mumbo-jumbo of a crackpot? Why, I-

Sheena cut in. "She is a strange woman, Bob, possessed of powers greater than even I have." She looked around at Bob, "She is evil. I must kill her!"

Twilight shadows gathered swiftly in deepening olive and purple pools, when finally they reached the forest edge. They halted and looked out over the vast and desolate plain that stretched in the gloomy distance to the tall mountain range rising like the backbone of some prehistoric monster. The snowcapped peaks still held the reddishorange glow from the dying sun and below were the deep blue pockets of darkness, mystery. The sky overhead was a turquoise canopy studded with hard, brilliant gems. A breeze rustled through the tall plain grasses and for an instant cooled their hot faces.

Silently they started across the plain toward the range. A strange trembling ran through Sheena. Her brain was a turmoil. Could she go through with this? Her own powers were simple. The usual powers of struggle for existence and of aiding the forces of good. While the powers of Yrann were weird and dark—aiding the forces of evil.

Bob's cool voice broke her thoughts. "Here's a cave, Sheena."

Sheena saw the dark, gaping hole in the mountainside. Velvety blackness seemed to pour from it like an evil liquid. "This is it," Sheena said in deeply awed tones. Something in that tone Bob had never heard before.

He gripped her smooth arm tightly. "Sheena," he choked, "Why did we come here? Let's go back—now!"

Sheena's head shook. "That I cannot do. Bob. This prophecy is serious. If it is not settled now—I lose you for good! Do you understand that?"

"Y-you mean her power is so great?"

A weary smile spread on the Jungle Queen's face. "Greater, Bob. This may well be the last time we see of or speak to each other." Sheena pulled away from him, swift as a panther. "Come. Follow me!" Her bronzed body dissolved into the inky blackness.

Bob followed. Then, alongside her he groped for her hand, found it, gripped it tight. Sheena said: "One thing you must remem-

ber, Bob. Do not gaze directly into this woman's eyes. If you do, you are lost. Lost to

me forever!"

It seemed hours that they stumbled along in the utter darkness. Then, suddenly, as they rounded a long curving bend, the walls seemed to glow . . . a strange purplish red. Sheena halted, and muttered: "Her Eyrie just ahead! Remember what I told you."

Bob groped his way after her, as if he were in some horrible nightmare. The reddish glow grew brighter-brighter with every step they

took.

They came upon the opening suddenly. Light blazed out in multi-colored fingers which danced in eerie patterns on Sheena's glistening body. They were in a huge domed room, hollowed out of sheer mountain rock. A' spearing fire blazed brightly in the center and the rock walls glowed like rubbed gold.

A few minutes passed, then a faintly musical voice floated sinuously up to Sheena's

"Ah, 'tis Sheena! You have come." A pause, then: "But do come closer-closer to the

flames . . . that I may see-"

Sheena moved closer to the blazing fire. Her own power seemed to ebb and drain from her, became smothered swiftly by some inexplicable force that must have been old when the world was new. She found her tongue. "Yea. I have come to settle for all time the evil prophecy!" Her voice sounded hollow, empty.

"Ah, yes," intoned the harp-like voice.
"Your mate!"

Dimly, a form became outlined hazily behind the bright flames. Clearer, clearer it grew-till Sheena could see a face. A beautiful face. Dark eyes that flashed eternal fire. Sweeping gold curling hair, encircled with a halter of glistening diamonds. Delicate nose and mouth which might have been chiseled by a god. A brief purple veil clung to the glistening skin of her curved, long-limbed body, which shimmered like a rare translucent jade.

Sheena was speechless. The utter beauty stunned her senses, dizzied her reeling brain.

Again the voice, low, as if a baritone harp string had been gently plucked by soft white fingers. "Behold you both the flames! Brighter, brighter grow the flames-and dimmer, dimmer grow your minds. Darkness settles gently, gently like a soft caress. The plain, the Plain of Bairn-no longer are you in the mystic Cave of Raz . . . but standing, shuddering on the windswept Plain of Bairn . . ."

Vainly, Sheena tried to shake off the

lethargy. It was no use. The surroundings grew darker, ever darker, as if the fire had burned out. She raised her head slowly. She was standing on a vast plain. A round red ball hung in a black starless sky like a teardrop of blood-it cast no light, save a ruddy orange glow. Ahead in the gloom, she could see the smiling Yrann beckoning to her. Sheena moved toward her-inexorably as if the Witch Queen were a powerful magnet pulling. As Sheena drew close, the witch would fade, fade into her own shimmering greenish glow. Still Sheena followed. The fading stopped. Sheena drew close to Yrann, . who stood on the edge of a yawning pit of blackness.

The voice: "Cast downward your eyes, O

Sheena!"

Sheena looked down into the blackness. Hazily her eyes focused . . . she saw movement below. Then outlines. Horrid outlines! Skinless bodies that floated past her sight like an endless army. They seemed to be waving to her. Sheena drew back in haste, disgust.

"Sentinels to the gates of Death, Sheena. Your time has come. Leap! Leap!" drummed

the Witch Queen's voice.

Dazedly Sheena whirled. Yrann was plung-

ing toward her, swiftly, silently.

Suddenly Sheena knew! This was not real. Only an image this evil woman had created. And with this realization, Sheena sidestepped in a flash. Frantic fingers snatched her blade from her belt. It leaped and for a brief moment glinted in the evil glow. Then it plunged-plunged with a sickening crunch into the Witch Queen's chest. With a howl, she slumped back, her beauty twisted into a mask of hate. She staggered on the edge, then her shimmering body plunged into the gloomy blackness . . , her screams getting fainter, fainter . . .

Sheena gazed about dumbly. Again she was

before the fire inside the cave.

The evil illusion was broken! The Witch Queen was gone!

Bob was alongside her then. "Great Scott, Sheena, LOOK!'

At their feet was the body wrapped in the shimmery purple veil. The strung diamonds twinkled up at them eerily. Sheena's blade handle protruded from a soggy red stain in the white chest!

Sheena .said: "Her power is broken for good-it was one of evil illusions brought about by her soft voice. Tomorrow we shall return here . . . and seal this cave forever!"



















Hateful III SWALD SHAW





























I TELL YOU, MR.
MURDOCH, THERE'S A
SMELL OF HELL ABOUT
THIS MR. HAZARD. AND
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